WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1879. So few Congressment arrived in Washington previous to Thanksgiv. Ing that there has not been, in additional that the performs of a rose was disaster than the performs of a rose was disaster. vance of the season, the usual amount greeable to them. There are old bachof interviewing and discussion of pol- clors who call babies "ugly things," ideal topics around the hotel lobbies. and wenten who actually prefer panrmis, and the absence of the custom-nery button-holing campaignt for officers of the House, has rea tered it exceedingly dult here up to the very opening of Congress. Among the tew here during the past week there has been a good deal of talk about the proposition, started by somebody, to make General Grant captain general of the Army for life, with a modest of the Army for life, with a modest the Army for life, with a modest calling of \$25,000 per year. Some of his friends think that this, or to place him on the retired list at the same figure, would be a fine thing to no, and they have even talked of suspending the rules to passa bill to that effect the first week of the sessible, and it may have been a child-love, with whom you sion. But I notice the ex Government Printer (hopp and a few of the old office holde's under Grant's adold office holde's under Grant's administration don't cotton to this proposition worth a cent. They are the ones who organized the third-term boom, and they want the old man," as they used to call him, for most delightful friendship with some

the talk about a Grant boom in the shaking your head. People have had to the Interviews with all the leading the yellow fever without knowing it touth. Interviews-with all the leading Southern Congressman who have so fir arrived, including Alexander Stephens, Gen. Hunton, Randall Gibson, and many others, develop the last that there is nothing in it. I have talked with twenty influential Southern Democrats, all of whom say that not a man of any influence in the party is committed to or in in the party is committed to or in favor of such a movement. He is not that you have the treasure of favor of such a movement. He amounts to nothing," said Gen. Gibson. "and any good candidate the Democrat may nominate will carry in the States that voted for Tilden in 1878." But the agitation concerning and the jury broncht in a verdiet of a verdiet of the party is seen that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but that you have the treasure of life within your grasp, but the your grasp with life within your grasp. a Grant sentiment in the South ha-had one very visible effect. It has slekened the stalwart Radicals, who advocate Grant as a "strong man," a regular "rebel hater" as it were. They started the talk of Southern strength for Grant merely to aid them in working the boom, but it went so far, apparently, and Grant expressed him self so pacifically that they really began to doubt whether he was the man they wanted after all. It is the offices and the power these men want, now and for all time. They want to array a solid North against a solid South, and makes the campaign one of late and bitterness, Auygramme knocks all their calculations into pie. If Grant makes a few more utterances like his words to the Army of the Tennessee, he will soon case to be t heir man and his chances or a third term won't be worth a It is difficult to indicate the bus

n as that w I chiefly o suppy Congress a-lide from the appropriations and routine legislation. There appears to be a very general sentiment in favor of a working session and an early ad-journment. Six months has been fixed by some members as the limit of time, but I predict that it will be seven at least. The calendars of both houses, containing the business brought over from the extra sessions. have been prepared, but they contain few important bills. I do not think there will be any prolonged contest between Congress and the President over the measures brought out at the extra session. The Democrats then accomplished all they can secure against an adverse Executive, and it is generally admitted that further dis cussion or agitation would be a waste of time. The question of tariff revis-ion has been extensively discussed, and the indications are that Congress may undertake it. There is nothing sectional in the question and some reforms are highly important. Yet there is every reason to expect a hard fight whenever the subject is taken tage. There are some interests that will oppose and change to the bitter end, and with all the usual appliances for influencing legislation. Another important measure likely to be agitated is a proposed bill to regulate the electoral count of the elect the electoral count, though it is doubtful if it results in anything more than talk. There are plenty of Congressmen who express themselves in favor of a change in the manner of electing a President and a Vice Pres-ident, a change analysing the cities. ident-a change enabling the citizen to vote directly for these officers-but to vote directly for these officers—but that is hardly practicable at this time. Nor is it likely that any depurture will be made from the established method of counting the vote by Congress, though doubtless the Republicans will come forward with some device through which they would hope to trick the Democrats again. The grand ball in honor of the Army of the Cumberland last week was a brilliant affair, and only established.

was a brilliant affair, and only escaped notice in my letter because I land already written too much before reaching it. But the picture given by that enterprising journal, the Graphic excites a laugh even now. A large tent was creeted for the exercise connected with the manufacture. nected with the reunion, including the ball, but a strong wind felled it to the groud, and the (antastic exer-cise was held in the Capitol. It was the first ball ever given in that build-ing and the capitol. ing and the new electric light flashed forth its brilliant rays until they met the glare of calcium from the Treasury building, making Pennsylvania Avenue as light as day, almost. But the loke of the thing is that the Geoghia Assistant Graphic Artist was so previous that he located the scene in the tent. He gives the picture squely draped tent-pole the stretch of the canvass above and the gay groups within. This is certainly a triumph of the ideal art for, with the few trifting exceptions that will be understood from the fore-going the picture is posterior. going, the picture is perfect. It was not the artist's fault that while the ball went on in the Capitol his mag-nificent tent with a mass of limp and helpless canvass. In obedience of Mr. Hayes' sugges-

tion Thanksgiving day appears to have been well observed. There were many things to be thankful for this year, not the least of which is the fact that, we have but one more year of Hayes. The day is always religiously kept here, as are all holidays, for it shuts up the Departments and lets the poor overworked clerks out for an airing. But turkey suffers ex-tensively. Mr. Halleck, I think it was, gave us a few lines on the subject in his "Bozarris" or The Night before Thanksgiving:

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